Mr. Wilmer presented a petition of James H. Knotts, of Queen Anne's county, praying to be divorced from his wife Catharine Knotts.

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Orrick presented a petition of the Rev. Hezekiah Best and others, members of the Methodist Episcopal church, praying the passage of an act for more effectually quieting the possession of, and perpetuating the right to church property.

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and

courts of justice.

Mr. Bowie presented a petition of John L. Dorsey, praying the passage of a law to allow him to bring into this State, from the State of Alabama, a negro slave therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to the committee on coloured popula-

tion.

Mr. Frazier presented a petition of sundry citizens of Tobacco Stick, in Dorchester county, praying the passage of a law to prevent the sale of ardent spirits within three-fourths of a mile of the Methodist meeting house in the aforesaid village,

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and

courts of justice.

Mr. Frazier also presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying that the law for the protection of oysters in Little Choptank river, may not be repealed:

Also, a petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying for a repeal of the law for the protection of oysters in Little Choptank

or Hudson rivers.

Which were severally read and referred to the committee already

appointed on that subject.

Mr. Frazier also presented a petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the passage of an act to incorporate the village of Tobacco Stick in said county;

Also, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county against the incorporation of Tobacco Stick in Dorchester county,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Geyer obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to the primary school law, passed December session, 1825;

Ordered, that Messrs. Geyer, Alexander, Carroll, Shower and

Harrison report the same.

Mr. Biser obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act supplemental to an act, passed 9th February, 1836, ch. 41, authorising and empowering the surveyor of Frederick county, to cause an alphabetical record entry to be made of all the original land certificates in said county, in the surveyor's office;

Ordered, that Messrs. Biser, Geyer and Cramer report the

same.

On motion of Mr. Hughes,

Ordered, that when this house adjourns on Saturday next, it adjourn to meet at nine o'clock, A. M. during the residue of the session.